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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK
FORCE TO STUDY METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE COLLECTION
OF PAST DUE CHILD SUPPORT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 6-38b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (e) The commission, in consultation with the State Marshals
5 Advisory Board, shall (1) adopt regulations in accordance with the
6 provisions of chapter 54 to establish professional standards, including
7 training requirements and minimum fees for execution and service of
8 process, and (2) implement policies and procedures to increase state
9 marshal participation in the serving of capias mittimus orders. Such
10 policies and procedures may require that at all times a certain
11 minimum percentage of the overall number of state marshals be
12 actively engaged in the service of capias mittimus orders.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 3-119 of the general statutes is

14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
15 *1, 2017*):

16 (a) The Comptroller shall pay all salaries and wages not less than
17 ten calendar days or more than fifteen calendar days after the close of
18 the payroll period in which the services were rendered, except as
19 provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, but shall draw no
20 order in payment for any service of which the payroll officer of the
21 state has official knowledge without the signed statement of the latter
22 that all employees listed on the payroll of each agency have been duly
23 appointed to authorized positions and have rendered the services for
24 which payment is to be made. The Comptroller is authorized to
25 develop, install and operate a comprehensive fully documented
26 electronic system for effective personnel data, for payment of
27 compensation to all state employees and officers and for maintenance
28 of a chronological and permanent record of compensation paid to each
29 employee and officer for the state employees retirement system and
30 other purposes. Such electronic system shall, within available
31 appropriations, facilitate the electronic processing of an income
32 withholding order entered by a state or federal court, including any
33 withholding order transmitted to the Comptroller by means of the
34 electronic income withholding order process implemented by the
35 federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. The Comptroller is
36 authorized to establish an accounting procedure to implement this
37 section.

38 Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 31-227 of the general statutes is
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
40 *1, 2017*):

41 (h) (1) An individual filing an initial claim for unemployment
42 compensation shall, at the time of filing such claim, disclose whether
43 or not the individual owes child support obligations as defined under
44 subdivision (6) of this subsection. If any such individual discloses that
45 he or she owes child support obligations and has been determined to

46 be eligible for unemployment compensation, the administrator shall
47 notify the state or local child support enforcement agency enforcing
48 such obligation that the individual is eligible for unemployment
49 compensation.

50 (2) The administrator shall deduct and withhold from any
51 unemployment compensation payable to an individual who owes
52 child support obligations (A) the amount specified by the individual to
53 the administrator to be deducted and withheld under this subsection,
54 if neither subparagraph (B) nor (C) is applicable, or (B) the amount
55 determined pursuant to an agreement submitted to the administrator
56 under Section 654(20)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act by the state or
57 local child support enforcement agency, unless subparagraph (C) is
58 applicable, or (C) any amount otherwise required to be so deducted
59 and withheld from such unemployment compensation pursuant to
60 legal process, as defined in Section 662(e) of the Social Security Act,
61 properly served upon the administrator. For the purposes of this
62 subdivision, legal process shall be deemed properly served upon the
63 administrator if such legal process is transmitted to the administrator
64 by means of the electronic income withholding order process
65 implemented by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.

66 (3) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2) of
67 this subsection shall be paid by the administrator to the appropriate
68 state or local child support enforcement agency.

69 (4) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2) of
70 this subsection shall for all purposes be treated as if it were paid to the
71 individual as unemployment compensation and paid by such
72 individual to the state or local child support enforcement agency in
73 satisfaction of the individual's child support obligations.

74 (5) This subsection shall be applicable only if appropriate
75 arrangements have been made for reimbursement by the state or local
76 child support enforcement agency for the administrative costs incurred

77 by the administrator under this subsection which are attributable to
78 child support obligations being enforced by such state or local child
79 support enforcement agency.

80 (6) For the purposes of this subsection, [the term] "unemployment
81 compensation" means any compensation payable under this chapter,
82 including amounts payable by the administrator pursuant to an
83 agreement under any federal law providing for compensation,
84 assistance, or allowances with respect to unemployment; "child
85 support obligations" includes only obligations which are being
86 enforced pursuant to a plan described in Section 654 of the Social
87 Security Act which has been approved by the Secretary of Health and
88 Human Services under Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act; and
89 "state or local child support enforcement agency" means any agency of
90 this state or a political subdivision thereof operating pursuant to a plan
91 described in Section 654 of the Social Security Act which has been
92 approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Part D
93 of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	6-38b(e)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	3-119(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	31-227(h)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement measures to enhance the collection of past due child support owed to state residents.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]